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USDA NASS TO MEASURE ROW CROPS; HOGS & PIGS

Springfield, Illinois - The 2009 harvest of row crops is well underway and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will now measure U.S. farmers' production of those crops, including corn, soybeans, and sorghum.

Beginning in early December, the Illinois Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers statewide as part of the December Agricultural Survey, also known as the Crops/Stocks Survey. Results will provide the basis for official USDA estimates of 2009 acreage, yield and production for row crops. Survey results will be published in several reports, including the annual *Crop Production* report, due out January 12, 2010.

During the same time period, the Illinois Field Office will also be contacting pork producers for the December Hogs and Pigs Survey. They will be asked to report their market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as their farrowing intentions. Survey results will be published in the *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* report, to be released December 30, 2009.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

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